

Creel Survey

April 28, 2014

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching about equal numbers of hatchery adult spring Chinook and winter run steelhead. Quite a few spring Chinook jacks in the catch too. Most of the catch was between the hatcheries.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 670 winter-run steelhead, 192 spring Chinook adults and 29 jacks during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 18 steelhead and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and 127 steelhead, 114 spring Chinook adults and 13 jacks into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam. In addition, one cutthroat trout was released above Cowlitz Falls Dam. River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 10,800 cubic feet per second on Monday, April 28. Water visibility is nine feet.

Kalama River – Anglers are catching some spring Chinook (which must be released) and steelhead (though most were wild and were released).

1 hatchery adult and 1 hatchery jack spring Chinook had returned to the hatchery as of April 18. The hatchery escapement goal is about 400 fish.

Lewis River – Little to no effort. Through April 23, a total of 11 hatchery adult spring Chinook had returned to the traps. The hatchery escapement goal is about 1,300 fish.

Wind River – Boat anglers averaged a spring Chinook kept per about every 5 rods. Effort was heavy last Saturday. Some fish are also being caught in the gorge.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers averaged a spring Chinook kept per every 6 rods. Bank anglers are also catching some fish.

Klickitat River – Some spring Chinook and summer run steelhead are appearing in the bank angler creels below Fisher Hill Bridge.

Bonneville Pool – Effort and spring Chinook catches are increasing for bank anglers just outside Drano.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Bank and boat anglers are catching some spring Chinook.

Sturgeon

The Dalles and John Day pools – Light effort and catches. Some legals were caught off the bank in John Day Pool.

Walleye and Bass

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some walleye and bass.

Trout

2014 Opening Day creel results – Region 5, John Weinheimer 4/26/14

Lewis- Plummer, 18 anglers w 21 kept and 47 released. 3.8 f/a caught, 1.2 f/a kept
Breezy, cloudy, low turnout, 2 bass also caught.

Lewis- Carlisle, 52 anglers w 48 kept and 294 released. 6.6 f/a caught, 0.9 f/a kept. Anglers happy and having fun. Mixture of weather. 1 broodstock and many triploids checked. Coho not a problem.

Lewis- Fort Borst Park Pond, 39 anglers with 61 trout kept and 7 released, 1.7 f/a caught, 1.6 f/a kept. Calm and sunny until noon.

Mineral Lake 123 anglers w 317 kept and 455 released. 6.3 f/a caught, 2.6 f/a kept. Largest trout checked was 20.25 inches. Lots of fish in the 14-15 inch range. Mixture of weather.

Skamania- Kidney, 40 anglers w 85 kept and 20 released. 2.6 f/a caught, 2.1 f/a kept. Light rain and sun. 5 broodstock checked, happy anglers.

Klickitat- Spearfish, 36 anglers w 86 kept and 43 released. 3.6 f/a caught, 2.4 f/a kept, warm, sunny, but very windy. 1 broodstock , 8 triploids checked. Lures worked the best. People having a good time.

Klickitat- Rowland, 71 anglers w 200 kept and 314 released. 7.2 f/a caught, 2.8 f/a kept. About 1 in 5 trout kept was a broodstock or triploid. Sunny, windy. Lures were the most successful. People having fun.

Klickitat- Horsethief, 51 anglers w 100 kept and 20 released. 2.4 f/a caught, 2 f/a kept. 2 broodstock checked. Also caught were 10 bass and 1 walleye. Very windy, sunny, and cold, but people having a good time.

Year round lakes planted with trout last week (no report on angling success):

BATTLE GROUND LK (CLAR)

Apr 23, 2014	Rainbow	1,500	2	Vancouver Hatchery
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KLINELINE PD (CLAR)

Apr 23, 2014	Brown Trout	2,000	1.8	Vancouver Hatchery
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Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	163	27	51	---						241	21.9%	Mar. 31	1,100
The Dalles	12		35							47	15.7%	Mar. 31	300
John Day	10	14	133							157	31.4%	Mar. 31	500
¹ Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis. Bonneville Pool was closed to retention January 20-31 and February 18-23.													
The winter fishery in Bonneville Pool closed to retention effective March 10. The fishery is scheduled to re-open June 13-14 and June 20-21 to catch the remainder of the guideline.													
Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.													
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep				
Bonneville	58	14	13	---						85		Apr. 27	
The Dalles	4		12	3						19		Apr. 27	
John Day	3	5	42	12						62		Apr. 27	
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.													

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

April 21 - 27, 2014

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon																
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool						14							71	85		
The Dalles Pool	8	4				3							16	19		
John Day Pool	6			1		17	4	7	4			1	45	62		
Total	14	4		1		34	4	7	4			1	132	166		
Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept		Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool	91		1	21												
Chinook			1	21												
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool	69		4	7		13	7	22			4		16	29		
Chinook			4	7		12					4		11	23		
Coho																
Steelhead						1							5	6		
John Day Pool	83		7	10		14	29	61		4	5		9	23		
Chinook			7	10		14				4	5		5	19		
Coho																
Steelhead													4	4		
Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool																
The Dalles Pool						7							290	297		
John Day Pool							4	7	6	2			131	131		
Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool																
The Dalles Pool													4	4		
John Day Pool							4	7	43							

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none	600%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	6.14
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	19%	163%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.50	0.16	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.12	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	17%	354%	24%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.46	0.18	1.14	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.08	0.10	0.29	none

